

- (2) Provide to the Fiscal Research Division a copy of the Prevent Blindness, Inc., annual audited financial statement within 30 days of issuance of the statement."

Requested by: Senator Martin of Guilford, Representatives Gardner, Cansler, Clary

WIC PROGRAM FUNDS

Section 12.42. Section 15.27 of S.L. 1997-443 reads as rewritten:

"Section 15.27. Of the funds appropriated to the Department of ~~Environment, Health, and Natural Resources~~ Health and Human Services for the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program, the sum of one million two hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$1,280,000) for the 1997-98 fiscal year and the sum of one million two hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$1,280,000) for the 1998-99 fiscal year shall, if sufficient federal food funds are available, be used for the WIC Program as follows:

- (1) Not more than \$500,000 in each fiscal year shall be used to establish new WIC Programs in Head Start or other private or public nonprofit agencies to serve additional mothers, infants, and children. The Department shall utilize these funds for local program operations including staff to provide eligibility determination, nutrition education, and health care referrals. In selecting the new WIC Programs, the Department shall consider accessibility to the target population including location and hours of operation.
- (2) Not more than \$250,000 in each fiscal year shall be used to renovate facilities of existing programs where space constraints limit program expansion, and to fund rental costs in areas where accessible donated space is not available. In selecting the facilities the Department shall consider accessibility to the target population including location and extended hours of operation. In determining whether to fund rental of space, the Department shall ensure that options for using donated accessible space have been considered. Not more than \$75,000 of funds allocated under this subdivision for each fiscal year shall be used for rental of space.
- (3) Not more than \$300,000 in each fiscal year shall be used to purchase physician-prescribed special formulas and nutritional supplements for infants, children, and women.
- (4) Not more than ~~\$60,000~~ \$180,000 in ~~each~~ the 1998-99 fiscal year shall be used to provide the required State match to the WIC farmers' market project.
- (5) Not more than ~~\$170,000~~ \$50,000 in ~~each~~ the 1998-99 fiscal year shall be used for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a Public Health Nutritionist Internship Program.

If sufficient federal food funds are not available then funds appropriated for the WIC Program under this section shall be used to supplement federal food funds and any balance in funds remaining after the supplemental use shall be used in accordance with subdivisions (1) through (5) of this section."